

PREPAREDNESS URGED BY COOPER IN TALK AT NORTH AUGUSTA

North Augusta, May 31.—The graduating exercises of the North Augusta high school were held in the school auditorium last evening. Misses Marjorie McKie, Cornelia Black, Willie Box, Ida Mae Hankinson, Estelle Hill, Ruth Franklin, Margaret Grouch, Juanita Woodward and Ada Merchant received diplomas and Messrs. Harold Sample, Reso Skes and John Fowkes were granted certificates. The presentation of diplomas and certificates was made by Prof. B. C. Monroe, principal of the institution.

Mr. Harold Sample delivered the valedictory address and Mr. Reso Skes was the salutatorian.

The feature of the exercises was the address by Hon. R. A. Cooper, who chose for his subject, "Preparedness as Viewed From an Educational Standpoint." The speaker was introduced by Hon. E. Foster Brigham, who briefly reviewed the record of Mr. Cooper as legislator and solicitor and told of the constructive legislation he had been instrumental in placing upon the statute books.

Mr. Cooper in his remarks, indicated clearly that he is a strong advocate of preparedness and of what might be termed the Wilson idea of preparedness. He deprecated the appalling lack of knowledge on the part of the average citizen, of the affairs of our government, which, as he said, breeds ignorance as to the necessity for preparedness. "Herein," said Mr. Cooper, "lies one of the chief functions of the American schools and colleges. Knowledge of the government and where can it be learned better than in our educational institutions?—generates patriotism and a truly patriotic citizen is essentially a believer in preparedness."

The speaker urged that preparedness carries with it the idea of preparedness against war as well as preparedness for war. "We do not want our teaching of the necessity for preparedness to be based upon German teachings along this line. While Germany has, beyond doubt, the most thorough educational system of any nation, the extreme militaristic idea is inculcated into the student—he is taught that war is something to be prepared against."

Mr. Cooper expressed himself in favor of military training in the high schools and colleges, out side of the fact that this course would be the means of producing an immense army of citizens who are grounded in the rudiments of warfare, the discipline derived from military training, is invaluable in the building of character.

The speaker strongly endorsed military training camps, such as the one now being conducted at Fort Oglethorpe. Inasmuch as the great mass of our citizens have received no such training, instruction of this nature is of the highest educational value.

Mr. Cooper was given the closest attention by his auditors and his remarks undoubtedly left a deep impression upon those who were so fortunate as to hear him.

"WAR PROFITS TAX" CAUSE OF A PROTEST

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, May 31.—In the name of the Berlin Artists' Association, its president, Prof. Rudolf Schulte, has protested vigorously to the proper authorities against the recent ruling that the "war profits tax" shall apply to all receipts of more than one thousand marks accruing from paintings.

The whole tendency of such a ruling, Prof. Schulte contends, will be to depress automatically the prices of works of art to a point below one thousand marks, and thus work injustice and injury to aspiring and ambitious artists or to the families of men who have died recently and who are dependent upon the returns from inherited paintings.

A tax of this sort, Prof. Schulte declares, is nothing more or less than a direct penalty for earnest, energetic, artistic work, and at the same time a distinct encouragement to the producers of copies of famous works of art. Individual effort and initiative he feels, will suffer inevitably at the expense of initiative work.

TRAINING TOMATOES TO A SINGLE STEM

Clemson College, S. C., May 31.—Where tomatoes are to be trained to a single stem, the plants are set 18 inches apart in rows 4 feet wide. As soon as the young plant begins to grow after being transplanted, it is cut out branches or stems from the side of the leaves. When these shoots appear, pinch them off which will cause the main stalk to shoot up very rapidly. Pick up a tomato 1 foot tall, and the plant is it. As the plant grows, more shoots will form. Continue to pinch these out and train the plant to the stake. The first will be formed on flower clusters about six inches apart on the main stem.

This method of training does not produce a bushy plant, but a single stem which is much better in the end of higher quality. This method allows a great many more plants per acre than the old style of setting, and the yield is greatly increased.

The War Nurse

The rack of war is here—the untold agony of seeing war her hands cannot relieve. For her, the strain of watching those who grieve.

For some dear voice to soothe their misery. Some well loved form to bend in sympathy Above their beds when death is beckoning. Yet, though war's horrors grip her heart and cling Like very vultures, she must still smile on. By her a hundred victories must be won—Health, strength restored through her fidelity.

That these, her patients, may go forth once more To brave the fury that the cannons pour. Should one weak fear against her heart strings press. One feeble groan brings self forgetfulness.

—Lurana Sheldon in New York Times.

FRENCH CANAL OPENED UNDER A MOUNTAIN

Waterway From Marseilles to River Rhone at Last Complete.

The canal under the mountain between Marseilles, France, and the river Rhone, constituting one of the most notable engineering achievements of modern times, was officially opened the other day in the presence of a distinguished gathering of members of the cabinet and other officials.

Hitherto Marseilles, although a great port of entry for the Mediterranean, has been walled in from central France by a mountainous ridge that sweeps around the northern side of the city. The canal is chiefly remarkable in that it pierces this barrier, the waterway running for five miles in a tunnel under a mountain. It thus has the effect of linking Marseilles with inland cities such as Lyons, Avignon and Valence and putting it in touch with the extensive inland commerce along the river Rhone. It will also give Marseilles a direct water connection with Havre and the North sea.

The canal and its tunnel have been under discussion for nearly a hundred years, but actual work on them was not begun until 1904. The length of the canal is sixty miles, and the five mile section under the mountain is seventy-five feet wide and seventy feet high, constituting what is declared to be the largest tunnel interior in the world. Barges and vessels up to 600 tons can navigate the canal, which, like the Kiel canal, it is believed, will have strategic value in permitting the movement of destroyers and small warcraft between the Mediterranean and the North sea. The cost of the work has been about 100,000,000 francs.

TAKES FORTUNE OF \$200,000.

Miss Kitching Decides to Accept Uncle's "Tainted Money." Exercising woman's prerogative of changing her mind, Miss Edith Kitching, who has been living in New York on \$3 a week, has notified the surrogate's court that she accepts the \$200,000 fortune of her deceased uncle, Francis F. Ripley. On moral grounds she had previously refused to accept even the \$20,000 he specifically left her.

"I have not studied philosophy for twenty-five years not to be able to weigh the right and wrong of my first impulse," said Miss Kitching. "I have reasoned it out. When tainted money is passed on to another person that person can use it in a way to remove the taint so far as she is concerned."

The court ignored certain charitable intentions of Ripley's because he had not taken the required legal steps to divide his wealth and informed Miss Kitching she was the sole heir. Miss Kitching says she will use the money in doing good. Ripley amassed it principally through mortgages and other operations to which Miss Kitching objected.

"KEEP ON KISSING," HE SAYS.

Doctor Tells Girls All Talk About Germs Is Tommyrot.

"Keep on kissing, girls, don't be afraid of the germs."

This is the advice given by Dr. Charles E. Page, head of the Boston Health school, after criticizing the remarks of Dr. C. V. Chapin, the Providence health official, who in his talk before the Harvard Medical school put the ban on all kissing.

"We're getting germ crazy," said Dr. Page. "Now we have put the bug into kissing. Do you suppose all this tommyrot about kissing will be headed? Why should we restrict courting couples? I've been a physician a number of years, but I've spent all my time in rebutting testimony from physicians which is mere speculation and does more harm than good, and I can prove it."

AEROS GET RADIO SIGNALS.

New Device Enables Aviators to Get Instructions While in Air.

Giuseppe Marconi has just arrived in London from Italy with news of the portable and far-reaching wireless developments. He says:

"The new developments make it difficult for the enemy to intercept or tap messages. The improvements also apply to instruments on aeroplanes and balloons."

"Further aeroplanes have been at a disadvantage, because while able to transmit messages, they have been unable to receive owing to the noise of the engine drowning out the wireless signals. Now we are able to strengthen the receiving signals sufficiently to enable messages to be received."

SOME SINGULAR STORIES

LIGHTS ON BABY CARRIAGES

New Law in London Is Outgrowth of Zeppelin Raids.

(From the Popular Science Monthly.) London has passed an unusual law which requires that baby carriages shall be equipped with sidelights. While no adequate explanation is given, it is believed that the new ruling was put into effect because of the darkness into which the streets are plunged because of the fear of Zeppelin raids. Baby carriage, while not dangerous objects are objects of danger and the fact that they are compelled by law to be equipped with a lamp to light their way, lessens the possibilities of collisions. The law requires that the light shall show white in front and red in the rear.

MOUNTAIN LIONS INVADE CITY

Daring Animals Pursue Denverites and Police Are Called Out.

(From The Denver News.) Two large mountain lions, a male and female, invaded the northwestern section of the city this morning, attacked two persons, and greatly alarmed the residents of that section. The animals are still at large and a squad of police armed with rifles is seeking them.

While standing in her back yard Mrs. F. J. Corbin, of 3129 West Twenty-fifth avenue, was horror-stricken when a lion leaped the fence and started toward her. She fled toward the house, reached the door a few feet ahead of the lion and slammed it shut.

The other person attacked was J. H. Hubbard, of West Twenty-fifth avenue, and Mead, a street. While picking out a cow this morning he encountered the two lions and fled. When last seen the lions were making for the foothills seven miles away.

DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS EVELYN

Pastor Surprised to Learn Identity of Couple He Married.

(Baltimore Dispatch.) "I had no idea I was marrying Evelyn Thaw and Jack Clifford," said the Rev. J. Edward Snyder, pastor of Emory Methodist Episcopal church in Elliott City, when asked regarding the marriage yesterday of the divorced wife of Harry K. Thaw and her dancing partner. "If I had known who she was"—but Mr. Snyder did not conclude the sentence.

"She gave me no name as Florence West," while the man told he was James P. Thaw. When I asked if they had been divorced she said she had been, said the pastor. "She is no paper showing the decree. But I was assured by Van Ness Harwood, of New York who accompanied the couple, that she had obtained a decree, and I had no doubt she was the innocent party."

HUGHES A BAD THIRD IN STRAW VOTE

(Detroit Dispatch.) The straw vote for presidential preferences, being collected by a local paper, shows Roosevelt and Wilson to be running a neck and neck race, while Hughes, a bad third, is practically standing still.

Postmaster Nagel, a Wilson appointee, thinks 90 per cent of the Hughes vote would go to Wilson in preference to Roosevelt.

PERISCOPE AT CROSSING

Enables Watchman to See Trains at Dangerous Curve.

(San Bernardino, Cal., Dispatch.) No longer is the periscope used exclusively in the business of slaughter in the war zones, for the instrument invented for aid in battle is now utilized by the Santa Fe to save lives.

At the Third street grade crossing, a particularly hazardous point in the business district, the guardian of the crossing is now using a 20-foot periscope to watch for trains around a dangerous curve. The periscope extends over the roofs of buildings that obstruct the view.

GEESSE RECEIVE PENSIONS

Aged Paul Will Have a Pond and a Grass Plot in a Zoo.

(From The Cleveland Plain Dealer.) Age, a cook excelsior, a platter on the dinner table and a hungry family have no terrors for a goose and a grander pensioned up in Mrs. May Boey's backyard at 3428 West Forty-ninth street.

Having reached the ripe old age of 26 years, Dick and Mary, for these geese have names are going to be pensioned. They will spend their declining years in luxury on a pond and a plot of grass in Brookside Zoo. These geese were raised by Mrs. John Boey, Mrs. Boey's mother. It was her wish that they be allowed to live a natural death.

Mrs. Boey, unable properly to care for her elderly charges, appealed to Councilman Dickinson to provide a home where they might enjoy comforts which the confines of a backyard denied them. Councilman Dickinson secured their admittance to pension privileges at the zoo.

FOURTY MILES TO DELIVER WIRE

Message Boy Makes Long Trip With Telegram to Gray Orders.

(Port Wayne, Ind., Dispatch to Indianapolis News.) "Take this message to J. C. A." said the night clerk in charge of the Western Union office here to Charles Schlegel, 17, a messenger boy. "He lives somewhere near South Main, on a hill, and don't come back until you deliver it."

Schlegel mounted his wheel about 6:30 o'clock. When he reached the home of Mr. J. A. he learned that the man had gone to Bluffton 20 miles away. Having his instructions to deliver the message before he returned he started on south to Bluffton with the same determination that enabled Lieutenant Rowan to carry the message to Garcia. Schlegel got a lift from an auto driver, and after delivering the message got back to the office before midnight.

FREAK WALK WINS \$20,000

Trip Backwards From Seattle Is Made in 239 Days.

(From The New York World.) Somebody out in Seattle lost a bet of \$20,000 when Patrick Harmon arrived at the city hall, walking backward, and asked Lieut. Billy Kennel to confirm his presence. Harmon had a reflecting mirror contraption strapped to his back and was accompanied by W. A. Baltazor who walked as folks usually walk—face forward—to prove that Harmon accomplished the feat. The feat was walking backward from Seattle to New York in 260 days. That was the limit set, but Harmon did it in 239 days, three weeks ahead of time.

Harmon, who is 50 years old, announced that two men in a Seattle club had wagered with each other that he could not walk to New York backward in 260 days, and backed up their opinion with \$20,000 each. Harmon will get \$5,000 for the job and Baltazor \$4,000 a day for being the transcontinental watchman. Harmon said he had little difficulty doing the freak stunt, but he lost 14 days through illness and took two weeks to overcome dizziness due to his unusual method of pedal locomotion.

RIDDING HENS AND CHICKS OF LICE AND FLEAS

Clemson College, S. C., May 31.—Lice live and breed on poultry and can be exterminated by greasing each owl with 33 per cent mercurial ointment which can be bought at a drug store. The grease is placed on the flesh below the vent, covering a space not larger than a 25-cent piece with a small amount of the ointment. This ointment poisons the lice and it is necessary to apply it only once a month.

Sitting hens can be greased before the commencement of the hatch and when the chicks are dry. If the latter peep and stand with their eyes closed, examine the head minutely, and you will probably find one or more large head lice. Anoint the head and the part under the beak with carbolic vaseline, or one part of the 33 per cent mercurial ointment and four parts of grease.

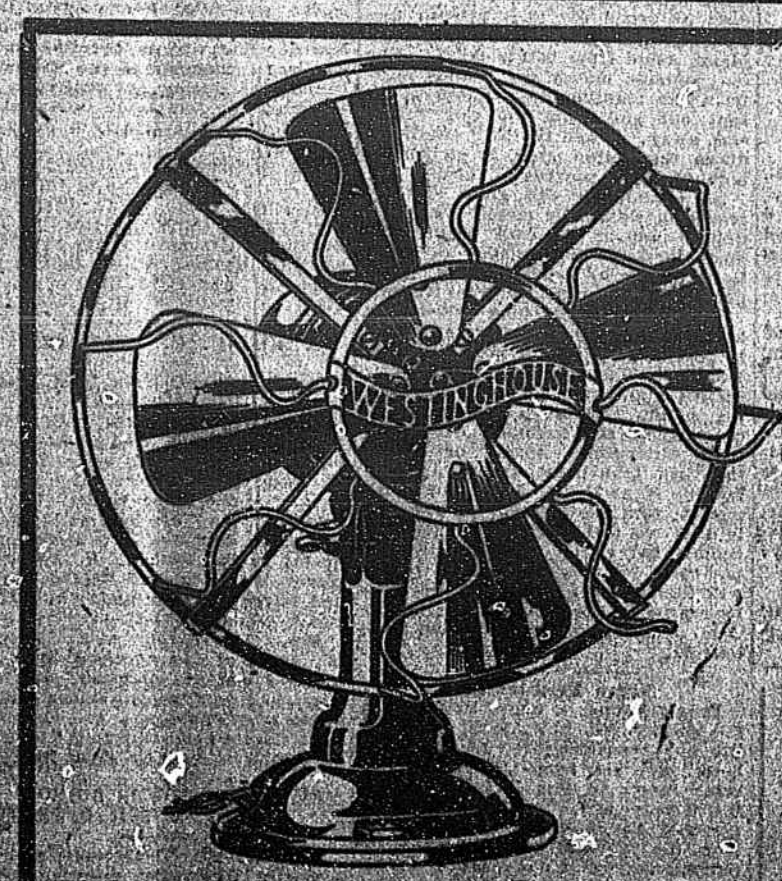
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